

Earth Month Plus+

Calendar of Events

APRIL	
12	<p>Catch a Fish. Opening Day of Freshwater Fishing Season begins at 6 a.m.</p> <p>Approximately 70,000 two-year-old hatchery raised brook, brown, and rainbow trout are being stocked by DEM in more than 100 ponds and streams for opening day. A 2008 fishing license and a Trout Conservation Stamp is required for anglers 15 years of age and older. A list of stocked ponds and other information of interest to anglers can be found on DEM's website by clicking on "Fish and Wildlife" under "Offices and Divisions," then "Freshwater Fisheries," then "Trout Stocked Waters."</p>
19	<p>Visit DEM’s Exhibit at Audubon's Earth Day Celebration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>The Narragansett Bay Research Reserve will have an exhibit at Audubon's Earth Day Celebration at its Environmental Education Center in Bristol. DEM will distribute 2008 RI tide calendars and new Research Reserve bumper stickers. This day of fun and learning will include games, nature hikes, lectures, children's activities, stories, crafts, and more. Ride your bike to the event and get in free! More information is available at www.asrieec.org/earth-day.htm</p>
20	<p>Speak with DEM’s Narragansett Bay Research Reserve Staff at Roger Williams Park Zoo’s Earth Day Celebration from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p> <p>The Narragansett Bay Research Reserve will present a display at the Zoo's environmental fair and offer examples of scientific tools they use to study Narragansett Bay. Along with the environmental fair, the Zoo will have entertainers, education stations, animal encounters, environmental artists, and much more to help convey its environmental message to Zoo guests. For more information go to www.rogerwilliamsparkzoo.org/calendar/conservationweek08.cfm#ed</p>
22	<p>Celebrate Earth Day at the Green Hospitality Certification Awards Program at the RI Convention Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. DEM will present awards to environmentally-friendly hotels, hospitality, and tourism ventures at this awards luncheon sponsored by the RI Hospitality and Tourism Association. Luncheon and presentations begin at noon, and a green vendor showcase runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Convention Center Rotunda. For more information go to www.rihospitality.org</p>
22	<p>Participate in a Conservation Design DVD Workshop from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. DEM Conservation Design DVD workshop at the RI Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill in Providence. Learn how to utilize a new, user-friendly mapping tool that can be used to quickly and easily prepare conservation inventories and ready-to-print site analysis maps at the community and site scales. Participants will be guided through the various DVD applications at their own computer stations, and receive a copy of the DVD. GIS software or GIS experience is not necessary. There is a \$10.00 fee for the workshop. To register, contact Jennifer West at 222-4700 ext. 7413, or via e-mail at jennifer@nbnerr.org.</p>
25	<p>Celebrate Arbor Day at Goddard Memorial State Park at 10 a.m. State Arbor Day program sponsored by DEM, RI Tree Council, and RI Nurserymen and Landscapers Association will include a tree planting in the mansion section of the park. For more information contact Paul Dolan at 647-3367 or via email at paul.dolan@dem.ri.gov</p>
26	<p>Attend the Arbor Day Fair at Goddard Memorial State Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Here’s your opportunity to learn everything about tree care including planting, watering, mulching, and maintaining healthy trees. A tree planting, as well as tree climbing demonstrations and giveaways, will also take place at the event. For more information, contact the RI Tree Council at 764-5885 or via email at RobinEnos@RITree.org</p>
26	<p>Scoop the Herring on the Ten Mile River from Noon to 2 p.m. DEM will join the Ten Mile River Watershed Council at “Scoop the Herring Day,” as participants will count and transfer the returning herring over Omega Dam to their historic spawning grounds. A paddle from Freedom Green to Omega Dam will take place from 10 a.m. to noon, and cleanup activities will be ongoing throughout the day. For more information, call 474-3813 or email KtgGroup@aol.com or Info@TenMileRiver.net</p>

26	Meet DEM Narragansett Bay Research Reserve Staff at the West Warwick JAYCEES Earth Day Cleanup Event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. DEM will distribute 2008 RI tide calendars and new Research Reserve bumper stickers to the first 100 people to register. Cleanups will be held at JAYCEE Corridor and Arboretum and the Senator Donald Roch Riverwalk, Arctic Village district, and West Bay bike path. Refreshments will be available, and garden gloves and biodegradable bags will be provided. More information is available at http://network.earthday.net/profiles/blog/show?id=1734264:BlogPost:21739
29	Conservation Design DVD Workshop from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the RI Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence. See April 22 Workshop listing above for details.
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3	Join the Prudence Island Earth Day Beach Cleanup from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come to Prudence Island in the middle of Narragansett Bay to clean the island's shoreline in honor of Earth Day. Take the 10:00 am ferry from Bristol to Prudence Island. Volunteers will be provided with trash bags and gloves and will sign up for a stretch of shoreline to clean. Coffee and donuts will be provided. After the cleanup volunteers are invited to take a tour of the island by van until the 4 p.m. ferry leaves for Bristol. Advance registration for the van tour is required. For more information about taking the ferry from Bristol and participating in the cleanup and van tour, please contact Kristin Van Wagner at kristin@nbnerr.org or 683-1478. Additional information about getting to Prudence Island is available at www.nbnerr.org/to_prudence.htm